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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A head rest arrangement for a motor vehicle seat with
- [[-]] a backrest frame for a backrest
- [[-]] a head rest that is fixable in at least one useful position on the backrest frame and which has a head rest body for supporting a head of a vehicle occupant
- [[-]] a displacement device to shift the head rest in a crash situation in order to move the head rest body relative to the backrest frame into a predeterminable position which is different from the useful position,
- [[-]] a locking device which counteracts displacement of the head rest by the displacement device and which is releasable in a crash situation, and

a control device to keep the locking device in an unlocked state so long as the head rest is shifted out from the useful position.

- (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the locking device is pretensioned by at least one first elastic element in a direction of a locked state.
- (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the
 locking device is assigned at least a second elastic element with which the locking device is
 biased in a direction of the unlocked state.
- 4. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the head rest is locked in the at least one useful position under action of the first elastic element and against action of the second elastic element.
- (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the locking device is movable into a released state by the second elastic element.

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(Currently Amended) [[The]] head rest arrangement according to elaim 1, for a motor vehicle seat with

a backrest frame for a backrest

a head rest that is fixable in at least one useful position on the backrest frame and which has a head rest body for supporting a head of a vehicle occupant

a displacement device to shift the head rest in a crash situation in order to move the head rest body relative to the backrest frame into a predeterminable position which is different from the useful position.

a locking device which counteracts displacement of the head rest by the displacement device and which is releasable in a crash situation, and

a control device to keep the locking device in an unlocked state so long as the head rest is shifted out from the useful position,

wherein the control device comprises at least one stop is provided whichwherein when the locking device is unlocked the stop acts on a component part of the locking device so that the locking device is held in a state defined by the interaction of the stop with the component part.

- 7. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the stop is formed by an engagement element which is movable into engagement with the component part of the locking device.
- 8. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 6, wherein during displacement of the head rest the stop is movable into a position in which it acts on the component part of the locking device.
- (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the stop
 is movable by swivel movement into the position where it acts on the component part of the
 locking device.

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10. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 8, wherein when the locking device is locked the stop is held in a position in which it does not act on the locking

device, and that when the head rest is displaced the stop is released to act on the locking device.

11. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 10, further compromising a securing element which is movable when the head rest is displaced and which

releases the stop when the head rest is displaced.

12. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the stop

is pretensioned to a position where it acts on the locking device.

13. (Currently amended) The head rest arrangement according to claim 7, wherein when the

head rest is displaced the component part of the adjusting locking device is brought into a

position where the engagement element is engageable in the component part.

14. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 13, wherein the

component part of the locking device during displacement of the head rest is movable by an

actuating element which is movable during displacement of the head rest into the position where

the engagement element is engageable in the component part.

15. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the

locking device is mounted on the backrest frame.

16. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the

locking device has a primary locking element which in a locked state of the locking device interacts with a holding element of the head rest so that the head rest is not able to move and

which primary locking element is movable by actuation so that it releases the holding element.

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17. (Currently amended) The head rest arrangement according to claim 16, wherein the holding element during displacement of the head rest is movable relative to the primary locking

element after the primary locking element has been actuated to release the locking deviceholding

element.

18. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 16, wherein the

primary locking element has a locking claw which in the locked state of the locking device

engages over the holding element.

19. (Previously presented) A locking device according to claim 16, wherein the primary

locking element is formed by a swivel mounted locking pawl.

20. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 16, wherein the

primary locking element is pretensioned by an elastic element in a direction of the unlocked

state.

21. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 16, wherein

wherein at least one stop is provided which when the locking device is unlocked acts on a

component part of the locking device so that the locking device is held in a state defined by the

interaction of the stop with the component part,

wherein the stop is formed by an engagement element which is movable into engagement

with the component part of the locking device,

wherein when the head rest is displaced the component part of the adjusting device is

brought into a position where the engagement element is engageable in the component part,

wherein the component part of the locking device during displacement of the head rest is

movable by an actuating element which is movable during displacement of the head rest into the

position where the engagement element is engageable in the component part, and

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wherein the component part of the locking device is brought through action of the actuating element on the primary locking element into a position in which the engagement element is engageable in the component part.

- (Currently Amended) The head rest arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the
 actuating element is formed by in the unlocked state defines the holding element in the locked
 state.
- 23. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claims 16, comprising a secondary locking element with which the primary locking element is engageable in a position in which the locking device is locked and which is movable by actuation to unlock the locking device so that it releases the primary locking element.
- 24. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 23, wherein the secondary locking element is formed by a locking lever.
- 25. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 23, wherein the secondary locking element is elastically pretensioned in a direction of a state in which it holds the primary locking element in a position in which the locking device is locked.
- 26. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 23, wherein an elastic pretension of the primary locking element on one side and of the secondary locking element on the other are attuned with each other so that the secondary locking element holds the primary locking element in a position which corresponds to the locked state when the secondary locking element has not been actuated to release the locking device.

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27. (Currently Amended) The head rest arrangement according to claim 23, wherein

at least one stop is provided which when the locking device is unlocked acts on a component part of the locking device so that the locking device is held in a state defined by the

interaction of the stop with the component part and

wherein the component part of the locking device is-formed throughdefines the secondary

locking element.

28. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 27, wherein the stop

acts on the secondary locking element.

29. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 1, further

comprising an unlocking mechanism to unlock the locking device in a crash situation in order to

allow displacement of the head rest.

30. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 29, wherein the

unlocking mechanism is controllable by a sensor.

31. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 29, wherein the

unlocking mechanism is controllable electrically and/or mechanically.

32. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 31, wherein the

unlocking mechanism is controllable by an electromagnet.

33. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 29, wherein the

unlocking mechanism has for acting on the locking device a tension or push means which is

coupled to the locking device.

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34. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 23, comprising the unlocking mechanism to unlock the locking device in a crash situation in order to allow

displacement of the head rest wherein the unlocking mechanism is coupled to the secondary

locking element.

35. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the

control device to keep the locking device in the unlocked state is deactivated by moving the head

rest back from a displaced position into its useful position.

36. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 35, wherein the

control device to keep the locking device in the unlocked state is deactivated automatically as the

head rest moves back into its useful position.

37. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 35, wherein

at least one stop is provided which when the locking device is unlocked acts on a

component part of the locking device so that the locking device is held in a state defined by the

interaction of the stop with the component part,

further compromising a securing element which is movable when the head rest is

displaced and which releases the stop when the head rest is displaced,

wherein the deactivation is implemented through action of the securing element on the locking

device.

38. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to claim 37, wherein

the stop is formed by an engagement element which is movable into engagement with the

component part of the locking device,

wherein when the head rest is displaced the component part of the adjusting device is

brought into a position where the engagement element is engageable in the component part,

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wherein the component part of the locking device during displacement of the head rest is movable by an actuating element which is movable during displacement of the head rest into the position where the engagement element is engageable in the component part, and wherein the actuating element acts on the locking device so that the engagement element is brought out of engagement with the component part of the locking device.

39. (Previously presented) The head rest arrangement according to, claim 38, wherein the locking device is pretensioned by at least one first elastic element in a direction of a locked state and wherein the action of the securing element on the engagement element brings the locking device into the locked state under the pretension of the first elastic element.